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RE: Letter of Guidance – Hospital Construction Design Standards

Dear [REDACTED],

Current state of Maine *Rules for the Licensing of Hospitals*, 10-144 C.M.R., Ch. 112, Section 2.21, require hospitals to comply with design standards of the American Institute of Architects' (AIA) *2006 Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities*. This requirement applies to all hospital construction projects of fifty-thousand dollars or more. The Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services (DLRS) has recently been made aware that updates and publishing of AIA Guidelines had been the result of a contract between the AIA and a nonprofit organization called the Facility Guidelines Institute (FGI). The FGI continues to update the Guidelines but has found a new publishing partner, the American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE). The more current Guidelines are referred to as the FGI Guidelines.

The FGI has published *2010 FGI Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities* and *2014 FGI Guidelines for Hospitals and Outpatient Facilities*. The state of Maine has not yet adopted these guidelines in rules for construction of health care facilities, nor any other relevant guidelines that may have been developed by similar organizations or other states.

DLRS is aware that hospitals involved in construction projects may wish, for good and justifiable reasons, to comply with alternative guidelines for construction not currently authorized by regulation. As such, DLRS will consider on an individual basis, waivers submitted by hospitals in accordance with 10-144, Ch. 112, Section 2.7, Waivers.

If you have questions concerning this Letter of Guidance please contact William Montejo, Acute Care Survey and Certification Program Manager, or Michael Swan, Health Facilities Survey Manager, by calling 207-287-9300.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kenneth Albert'.

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